WORCESTER, January 20th, 1785.

HAND BILLS, following an Advertiſement in the News-Papers, having been circulated, ſtating Diſtances, Prices of Carriage, *&c.* for a New Canal Undertaking, and comparing them with the Price of Carriage paid upon the preſent Canals.-----That the Public might not be deceived by ſpurious Productions, the following is a true State of Facts; the Calculation on the New Scheme is taken from one in Mr. PRATT's own Hand-writing.

From the DUDLEY MINES to STOURPORT.			STOURBRIDGE COAL MINES to STOURPORT.			BILSTONE COAL MINES to STOURPORT.			"By the INTENDED CANAL."		
	ſ.	*d.*		*ſ.*	*d.*		*ſ.*	*d.*		*ſ.*	*d.*
7 Miles Tonnage to the Staffordſhire and Worceſterſhire Canal - -	1	3	4½ Miles Tonnage to the Staffordſhire and Worceſterſhire Canal - -	1	0	Average Diſtance on the Birmingham Canal, of Coal Mines which ſend Coal to Stourport, 6 Miles Tonnage	0	9	" Stourbridge Canal - - -	1	0
12 Miles Tonnage on Staffordſhire and Worceſterſhire Canal to Stourport -	2	0¾	12 Miles Tonnage on Staffordſhire and Worceſterſhire Canal to Stourport -	2	0¾	Tonnage on the Staffordſhire and Worceſterſhire Canal, 25 Miles - - -	3	1½	" New Canal, ſuppoſed 20 Miles, at 1½d. a Ton per Mile	2	6
Steerage or Freight -	0	9	Steerage or Freight -	0	8	Steerage or Freight - -	1	2	" Boat and Steerſman - -	1	4
19 Miles.	4	3¾	16½ Miles.	3	8¾	31 Miles.	5	7½	" Compoſition to Droitwich	0	0
									" Birmingham Junction -	0	9
									" From Droitwich to Digley	1	0
									" Steering Freight for above two Places - - -	0	4
									" Tonnage & Freight to Digley	7	11

In Mr. PRATT's Calculation to *Digley* is omitted *Dudley* Canal Tonnage and Freight, and Gratuity to the *Birmingham* Canal.

The above Calculations to *Stourport* is where the Canals fall into the River *Severn*; the Freight down the River to *Worceſter* is at preſent 1*s.* 9*d.* a Ton, being Twelve Miles, but when the River is improved may be reduced under 1*s.*

NOTICE, An Order ſtands now upon the *Staffordſhire* and *Worceſterſhire* Proprietors' Books, to reduce the Tonnage of the *Bilſtone* Coal to *Stourport* Eight-pence a Ton, but why it has not been accepted by the Public is an Enquiry worth making; if the Promoters of the New Scheme mean to ſerve the Public, they ought not to ſtand in the Way of lowering this Tonnage.

NOTICE alſo, That the *Stourbridge*, *&c.* Coals are ſold higher at the Mines, and alſo inferior in Quality to the *Bilſtone* Coal.

This Scheme having been carried on in a private Manner, it is prudent for the Public to with-hold their Opinion, until it comes to public View, and has been thoroughly examined, and the Promoters' Views are known; it ought to be a Matter of great public Utility, and not of private Intereſt, for deſtroying 300 Acres of Land, and expending 120,000 £. in Money.